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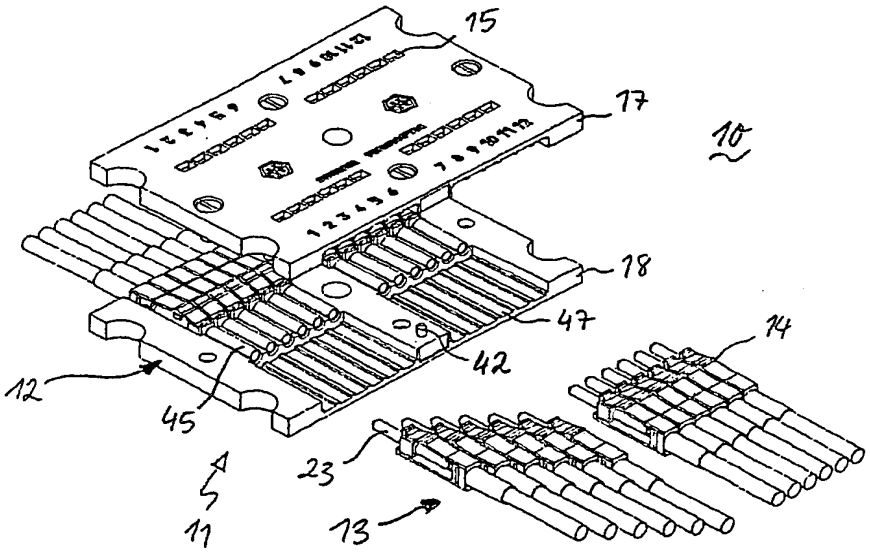
(54) Bezeichnung: FASEROPTISCHES STECKVERBINDERSYSTEM



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a fibre-optic plug-in connector system (10) comprising an adapter (11), in addition to individual optical plug-in connectors (13), in which a respective optical fibre terminates in a ferrule (23) and which can be respectively inserted into the adapter (11) from two opposing sides to produce an optical connection between the ends of two optical fibres. According to the invention, the adapter (11) has a plurality of parallel guide sheaths (45), which are located next to one another in an adapter housing (12) and into which the optical plug-in connectors (13) comprising their ferrules (23) can be inserted from both sides. To achieve an extremely simple, space-saving construction for a plug-in connector system of this type, the adapter housing (12) is composed of several separate, interconnectable parts (17, 18), between which the guide sheaths (45) are held with a degree of play.

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(57) **Zusammenfassung:** Ein faseroptisches Steckverbindersystem (10) umfasst einen Adapter (11) sowie einzelne optische Steckverbinder (13), in welchen jeweils eine optische Faser in einer Ferrule (23) endet, und welche zur Herstellung einer optischen Verbindung zwischen den Enden zweier optischer Fasern jeweils von zwei gegenüberliegenden Seiten in den Adapter (11) einsteckbar sind, wobei der Adapter (11) in einem Adaptergehäuse (12) eine Mehrzahl von parallel nebeneinander angeordneten Führungshülsen (45) aufweist, in welche die optischen Steckverbinder (13) mit ihren Ferrulen (23) von beiden Seiten einsteckbar sind. Bei einem solchen Steckverbindersystem wird ein extrem einfacher und platzsparender Aufbau dadurch erreicht, dass das Adaptergehäuse (12) aus mehreren separaten, miteinander verbindbaren Teilen (17, 18) zusammengesetzt ist, zwischen denen die Führungshülsen (45) mit Spiel gehalten werden.

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